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Yajun GUO et al.

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For: METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR
DIAGNOSIS OF MELANOCYTIC LESIONS

Examiner: K. Canella

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated June 30, 2004 (Paper No. Mail Date 200406258), for which a response was due on September 30, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to December 30, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.